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***** **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** *****

April 7, 2004- 6:00pm

INCIDENT: Serious injury traffic accident, overturned vehicle, driver ejected

DATE: 04/07/04 **TIME:** 11:05am

LOCATION: I-75 S/B at exit 263 ramp (South Marietta Parkway/120 Loop)

DRIVER 1: Name withheld, W/M, 63yoa, of Kennesaw - complaint of injury

VEHICLE 1: 1988 White Buick Park Avenue 4 door

DRIVER 2: Name withheld, W/M, 53yoa, of Marietta - life-threatening injuries

VEHICLE 2: 1999 Chevy Express conversion Van

CHARGES: Pending Investigation

Marietta Police Traffic Enforcement Officers are investigating a serious injury accident that occurred this morning on I-75 southbound at the exit ramp for South Marietta Parkway. The initial investigation shows that a 1998 Buick Park Avenue attempted to change lanes (too late) from one of the middle lanes of I-75 S/B and the across the gore to reach the exit. The right lane was occupied by a 1999 Chevy Express van and the Buick collided with the van. Both vehicles traveled through the gore and across the exit ramp. The van struck the guardrail and overturned ejecting the driver. The Buick struck the guardrail and stopped. The van went over the guardrail and into a drainage ditch. The driver of the van was taken to Kennestone Hospital with serious injuries. The accident remains under investigation.